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To make technical amendments to the Lobbying Disclosure Act of 1995.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. CANADY of Florida (for himself and Mr. FRANK of Massachusetts) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary

A BILL

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Act of 1995.

1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE AND REFERENCE.**

4 (a) SHORT TITLE.—This Act may be cited as the
5 “Lobbying Disclosure Technical Amendments Act of
6 1996”.

7 (b) REFERENCE.—Whenever in this Act an amend-
8 ment or repeal is expressed in terms of an amendment
9 to, or repeal of, a section or other provision, the reference

1 shall be considered to be made to a section or other provi-
 2 sion of the Lobbying Disclosure Act of 1995.

3 **SEC. 2. DEFINITION OF COVERED EXECUTIVE BRANCH OF-**
 4 **FICIAL.**

5 Section 3(3)(F) (2 U.S.C. 1602(3)(F)) is amended
 6 by striking “7511(b)(2)” and inserting “7511(b)(2)(B)”.

7 **SEC. 3. CLARIFICATION OF EXCEPTION TO LOBBYING CON-**
 8 **TACT.**

9 Section 3(8)(B)(ix) (2 U.S.C. 1602(8)(B)(ix)) is
 10 amended by inserting before the semicolon the following:
 11 “, including any communication compelled by a Federal
 12 contract, grant, loan, permit, or license.”.

13 **SEC. 4. INTERESTS.**

14 (a) SECTION 4.—Section 4(b)(4)(C) (2 U.S.C.
 15 1603(b)(4)(C)) is amended by striking “direct interest”
 16 and inserting “significant direct interest”.

17 (b) SECTION 5.—Section 5(b)(2)(D) (2 U.S.C.
 18 1604(b)(2)(D)) is amended by striking “of the interest,
 19 if any,” and inserting “of any significant direct interest”.

20 (c) SECTION 14.—Section 14 (2 U.S.C. 1609) is
 21 amended—

22 (1) in subsection (a)(2), by striking “a direct
 23 interest” and inserting “a significant direct inter-
 24 est”; and

1 (2) in subsection (b)(2), by striking “a direct
2 interest” and inserting “a significant direct inter-
3 est”.

4 **SEC. 5. ESTIMATES BASED ON TAX REPORTING SYSTEM.**

5 (a) SECTION 15(a).—Section 15(a) (2 U.S.C. 1610
6 (a)) is amended—

7 (1) by striking “A registrant” and inserting “A
8 person, other than a lobbying firm,”; and

9 (2) by amending paragraph (2) to read as fol-
10 lows:

11 “(2) for all other purposes consider as lobbying
12 contacts and lobbying activities only—

13 “(A) lobbying contacts with covered legisla-
14 tive branch officials (as defined in section 3(4))
15 and lobbying activities in support of such con-
16 tacts; and

17 “(B) lobbying of Federal executive branch
18 officials to the extent that such activities are in-
19 fluencing legislation as defined in section
20 4911(d) of the Internal Revenue Code of
21 1986.”.

22 (b) SECTION 15(b).—Section 15(b) (2 U.S.C.
23 1610(b)) is amended—

24 (1) by striking “A registrant that is subject to”
25 and inserting “A person, other than a lobbying firm,

1 who is required to account and does account for lob-
 2 bying expenditures pursuant to”; and

3 (2) by amending paragraph (2) to read as fol-
 4 lows:

5 “(2) for all other purposes consider as lobbying
 6 contacts and lobbying activities only—

7 “(A) lobbying contacts with covered legisla-
 8 tive branch officials (as defined in section 3(4))
 9 and lobbying activities in support of such con-
 10 tacts; and

11 “(B) lobbying of Federal executive branch
 12 officials to the extent that amounts paid or
 13 costs incurred in connection with such activities
 14 are not deductible pursuant to section 162(e) of
 15 the Internal Revenue Code of 1986.”.

16 (c) SECTION 5(c).—Section 5(c) (2 U.S.C. 1604(c))
 17 is amended by striking paragraph (3).

18 (d) SECTION 15(d).—Section 15(d) (2 U.S.C.
 19 1610(d)) is repealed.

20 **SEC. 6. DISCLOSURE OF INDIVIDUAL REGISTERED LOBBY-**
 21 **ISTS.**

22 Section 5(b) (2 U.S.C. 1604(b))—

23 (1) in paragraph (2), by inserting “and” at the
 24 end of subparagraph (B), by striking subparagraph

1 (C), and by redesignating subparagraph (D) as sub-
2 paragraph (C), and

3 (2) by redesignating paragraphs (2), (3), and
4 (4) as paragraphs (3), (4), and (5), respectively, and
5 by adding after paragraph (1) the following:

6 “(2) a list of employees of the registrant who
7 acted as lobbyists on behalf of the client during the
8 semi-annual reporting period;”.

9 **SEC. 7. EXEMPTION BASED ON REGISTRATION UNDER LOB-**
10 **BYING ACT.**

11 Section 3(h) of the Foreign Agents Registration Act
12 (22 U.S.C. 613(h)) is amended by striking “is required
13 to register and does register” and inserting “has engaged
14 in lobbying activities and has registered”.

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